GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:670
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2005
RENEWAL OF LICENCES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that some cases of irregularities reported in adopting different criteria for renewal of licences of general and reserved categories under the revised catering policy as appeared in the Dainik Jagran dated April 17, 2005;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the number of complaints in this regard received so far; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to check irregularities?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 670 BY PROF. MAHADEORAO SHIWANKAR AND SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KUSHAWAHA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 12.05.2005 REGARDING RENEWAL OF LICENCES.

(a) Ministry is aware of the news item dated 17.4.2005 appearing in the Dainik Jagran, Delhi edition. There are no irregularities in the new Catering Policy. However, separate norms have been framed with regard to renewal of licences of small catering units of general and reserved categories under the new Catering Policy dated 16.3.2005.

(b) Renewal of small catering unit licences of reserved categories at 'A', 'B' and 'C' category stations will be done after every 3 years on satisfactory performance by the licensee and there would be no renewal for small catering unit licences of general category. Renewal of small catering unit licences of general and reserved categories at 'D', 'E' and 'F' category stations will be done after every 5 years on satisfactory performance by the licensee.

(c) Some representations have been received including those from Members of Parliament regarding this aspect of new Catering Policy.

(d) Does not arise.